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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PL, UR, US

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION: SOVIET RESPONSE TO U.S.

DEMARCHE

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REF: MOSCOW 10440

1. MFA USA DIVISION COUNSELOR CHETVERIKOV CALLED IN ACTING POLCOUNSELOR OCTOBER 28 TO READ STATEMENT CONCERNING SOVIET ATTITUDE ABOUT MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIALITY OF DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES. ALLUDING TO PREVIOUS EXCHANGES WITH EMBASSY ON THIS TOPIC, HE SAID HE WAS SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS AND AFTER CONSIDERATION BY "THE PROPER AUTHORITIES." TEXT OF STATEMENT (IN OUR TRANSLATION) FOLLOWS, BASED ON NON-PAPER HANDED OVER AFTER READING.

2. BEGIN TEXT. IN CONNECTION WITH THE U.S.A. EMBASSY'S INQUIRY CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE AMERICAN SIDE'S MAKING PUBLIC CERTAIN DIPLOMATIC DOCUMENTS, TOUCHING ON SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, THE USSR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO BRING THE FOLLOWING TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTICE. UNILATERAL PUBLICATION OF THE DOUCMENTS MENTIONED BY THE EMBASSY (RECORDS OF MEETINGS, NOTES, AIDE-MEMOIRES CONFIDENTIAL

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AND THE LIKE), CONNECTED WITH DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS

BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE U.S.A., CONTAINING STATEMENTS  
OF THEIR OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HAVING IN  
PARTICULAR AN OFFICIAL CHARACTER, WOULD CONTRADICT THE  
PRACTICE GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN INTERNAIONAL RELATIONS  
AND, NATURALLY, COULD NOT BUT EVOKE OBJECTIONS.  
END TEXT.

3. CHETVERIKOV SAID QUESTION AROSE IN PRACTICAL FORM  
IN CONNECTION WITH COURT CASE CONCERNING POLISH SEAMAN  
INJURED IN U.S. BOMBING OF HAIPHONG HARBOR WHERE  
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE CONTAINING STATEMENTS BY  
SOVIET OFFICIALS HAD BEEN SUBPOENAED IN TESTIMONY. AS  
HE UNDERSTOOD IT, SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN INFORMED  
BUT NOT ASKED TO GIVE AN OPINION. HOWEVER, STATEMENT  
HE HAD JUST MADE PRESENTED GENERAL SOVIET POSITION, HE  
CONCLUDED, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY PARTICULAR CASE.

5. COPY OF RUSSIAN TEXT OF NON-PAPER BEING POUCHED UNDER  
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